acceptance of both family planning and MCH components of the programme; and increased involvement of local communities, particularly through the Village Health Guide Scheme.

Railway Link with industrial Centres of MJ.

1545. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that come of the industrial centres of Madhya Pradesh a're not linked by railways with major cities of the State and the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of such industrial centres; and

(c) what steps the Government •ropose to take to link these indus- ial centres with major cities of adhy$_a$ Pradesh and the country?

HS DEPUTY MINISTER TN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS I MAHABIR PRASAD): (a)[1]) The major industrial centres ,'ithampur and Malanjkhand in Madhya Pradesh are not connected by rail at present. Pithampur falls on -^he ptroposed alternative route from Godhra to Maksi via Dahod, Mhow, Indore and Dewas, for which a survey has been carried out and survey report referred to the Planning Commission for examination. There is no proposal for a railway line to connect Malanjkhand at present.

Besides, a number of cement factories of Madhya Pradesh are not connected by rail. Construction of Satna-Rewa line has been taken up. On completion, it will provide rail link to the cement factories in this area.

In reg.ii'd to the new Industrial Growth Centra at Malanpur viear Gwaliot, the feasibility of connecting it by tlse proposed BG line between Gwalior and Bhind, $_{as}$ part of the approved project Guna-Etawah, ia under investigation.

National Highway in M.P.

1546. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the need for construction of a National Highway in Madhya Pradesh in addition to the existing road network;

(b) if so. what action has been taken in this direction of construction of additional National Highway in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if reply to (b) is negative, what steps Government propose to take in view of the increased frequency of road transport in Madhya Pradesh for its faster economic growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Owing to flnnacial stringency, it has not been found possible at present to make additions to the National Highway network in the State.

Absence of public conveniences at Mecheda station, West Bengal

154T7. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in ab* sence of lavatory and latrine in al' platforms at Mecheda station, W^st Bengal, passengers particularly the ladies are facing a lot of hardships: